GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SANITATION PROGRAMMES IN RURAL AREAS
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have initiated any programmes for the improvement of sanitary condition for the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated/likely to be allocated to various States/Union Territories for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Taking into consideration the experience gained in the implementation of the Programme, the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) was restructured w.e.f. 1st April, 1999.The restructured Programme moves away from the principle of State-wise allocations primarily based on poverty criteria to a `demand-driven` approach. States are required to formulate Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects in identified districts.The Programme is implemented as community led and people centred. A demand driven approach is adopted with increased stress on awareness campaign and capacity building for meeting the demand with alternate delivery mechanisms. Rural school sanitation has been introduced as a major component and entry point for wider acceptance of sanitation by the rural people. 200 districts have been identified for the Total Sanitation Campaign. So far 111 projects have been sanctioned in 26 States/UTs throughout the country. Since, the Total Sanitation Campaign is a `demand-driven` Programme, no State-wise allocations are made. However, funds are being provided on the basis of projects received from the States. So far Rs.193.75 crore have been released to States/UTs as first instalment as the Central share.